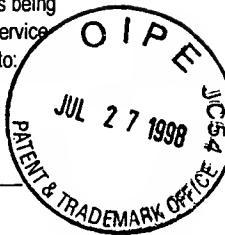


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In re application of:)
PHILIP E. EGGRERS et al.) Examiner: *unassigned*
Application No.: 09/098,205) Art Unit: *unassigned*
Filed: June 16, 1998)
For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR)
ELECTROSURGICAL TISSUE)
TREATMENT IN CONDUCTIVE)
FLUID (as amended))
RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF
INCOMPLETE APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Incomplete Application mailed July 17, 1998, enclosed is the specification and drawings that were mistakenly omitted on June 16, 1998.

If you have any questions, please telephone the undersigned at (415) 326-2400.

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A filing date has NOT been assigned to the above identified application papers for the reason(s) indicated below.

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1. The specification (description and claims):

- a. is missing.
- b. does not include a written description of the invention.
- c. does not include at least one claim as prescribed by 35 U.S.C. 112.

A complete specification (including at least one claim in a nonprovisional application) as prescribed by 35 U.S.C. 112 is required.

2. The application was deposited without drawings. 35 U.S.C. 113 (first sentence) requires a drawing "where necessary for the understanding of the subject matter sought to be patented."

Applicant should reconsider whether drawings are necessary under 35 U. S. C. 113 (first sentence).

3. OTHER: _____

Additional observations on the above-identified application papers:

- 1. Pages _____ of the specification are missing.
- 2. Figures _____ described in the specification are missing.

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Enclosed:

- "General Information Concerning Patents." See page _____.
- "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application," Form PTO-1532.
- "Checklist for Patent Applications."
- Other: _____

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